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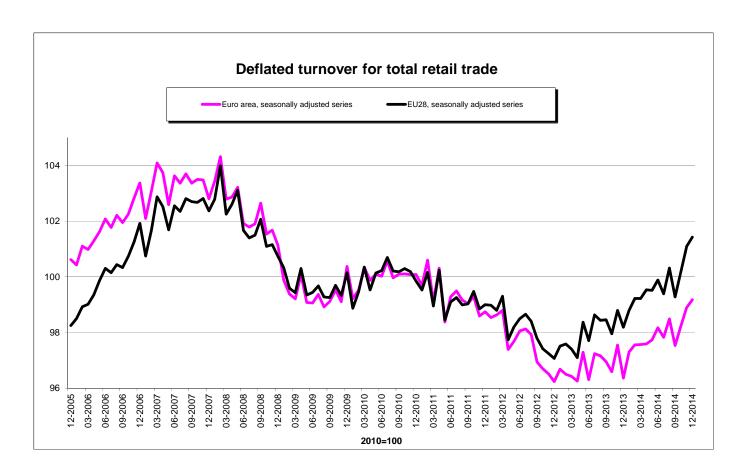
December 2014 compared with November 2014

# Volume of retail trade up by 0.3% in both euro area and EU28

In December 2014 compared with November 2014, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade<sup>1</sup> rose by 0.3% in both the **euro area**<sup>2</sup> (EA18) and the **EU28**<sup>2</sup>, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November<sup>3</sup> retail trade rose by 0.7% and 0.9% respectively.

In December 2014 compared with December 2013<sup>4</sup> the retail sales index increased by 2.8% in the **euro area** and by 3.2% in the **EU28**.

The average of retail trade for the year 2014, compared with 2013, rose by 1.3% in the **euro area** and by 1.9% in the **EU28**.



#### Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.3% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2014, compared with November 2014, is due to rises of 0.4% for automotive fuel and of 0.3% for both the non-food sector and for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 0.3% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 0.7% for automotive fuel, of 0.4% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.2% for the non-food sector.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Ireland** (+1.8%), **Austria** (+1.6%), **Spain** and **Slovakia** (both +1.1%), and the largest decreases in **Portugal** (-3.8%), **Estonia** (-1.7%), **Denmark** and **Slovenia** (both -1.5%).

### Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.8% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2014, compared with December 2013, is due to rises of 3.5% for the non-food sector, of 2.3% for automotive fuel and of 1.6% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 3.2% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 4.0% for the non-food sector, of 2.0% for automotive fuel and of 1.8% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Luxembourg** (+9.2%), **Spain** (+6.6%) and **Bulgaria** (+6.4%), while decreases were observed in **Finland** (-2.6%), **Slovenia** (-2.5%) and **Malta** (-1.4%).

1. The index of the volume of retail trade measures the evolution of the turnover in retail trade, adjusted for price changes (deflated), i.e. the evolution of the total amount of goods sold, based on data adjusted for working day and seasonal effects. Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects. Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU.

The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at:

https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5e6d1e48-056c-4c6a-8278-3ab138bcf575

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More detailed data can be found in the short-term business statistics database on the Eurostat website:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/data/database

More information about the index of retail trade can be found in Statistics Explained:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Retail\_trade\_volume\_index\_overview

2. Up to 31 December 2014, the euro area (EA18) included Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland. From 1 January 2015 the euro area (EA19) also includes Lithuania.

The European Union (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the euro area is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on in this News Release refer to the official composition of the euro area in the most recent month for which data is available. Thus News Releases with data for months up to December 2014 comment on EA18 series, while Releases with data for January 2015 onwards will comment on EA19 series.

Eurostat's guidelines can be found on the Eurostat website:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/en/web/products-eurostat-news/-/GUIDE\_ENLARG\_2007

The tables also include Norway and Switzerland.

- 3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 3/2015 of 8 January 2015. The monthly growth rates for November 2014 have been revised from +0.6% to +0.7% in the euro area and from +0.8% to +0.9% in the EU28. The annual growth rate has been revised from +1.5% to +1.6% in the euro area and remain unchanged at +2.6% in the EU28.
- 4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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## Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the previous month\*

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
EA18						
Total retail trade	-0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	1.2	-2.1	1.1	1.5	0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.1	4.7	-7.8	2.1	2.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.7	0.9	-1.3	0.8	1.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.5	0.9	:
Mail orders and internet	1.2	1.9	-8.0	3.0	6.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.5	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.5	0.9	-1.0	0.9	0.9	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.3	1.8	-2.2	1.4	1.7	0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.8	4.5	-7.5	2.3	2.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.2	1.6	-1.2	1.0	1.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.0	2.5	-1.5	2.4	0.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.1	:
Mail orders and internet	0.6	1.7	-3.7	1.5	5.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	0.7	-0.3	0.5	0.5	0.7

Total retail trade	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
EA18	-0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3
EA19	-0.3	0.7	-1.0	0.7	0.7	0.3
EU28	-0.5	0.9	-1.0	0.9	0.9	0.3
Belgium	-0.3	0.3	-1.4	1.2	-0.2	0.8
Bulgaria	0.7	0.6	-1.0	-0.2	1.8	0.9
Czech Republic	-1.3	1.5	-0.3	1.1	0.2	С
Denmark	-0.3	1.3	-1.5	1.1	1.4	-1.5
Germany	-0.7	0.7	-1.9	2.1	0.9	0.2
Estonia	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.9	1.3	-1.7
Ireland	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	0.5	1.8
Greece	-1.4	2.0	-1.6	1.0	-1.1	С
Spain	0.1	1.1	-0.4	0.0	1.3	1.1
France	-0.7	1.0	-0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.5
Croatia	-1.1	1.9	0.4	-1.1	1.1	С
Italy	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	С
Cyprus	-1.5	0.2	-0.8	0.6	С	С
Latvia	2.3	-0.4	-0.3	1.5	1.3	-1.3
Lithuania	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.1
Luxembourg	-1.9	0.6	0.7	2.7	0.8	0.3
Hungary	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.3
Malta	-0.4	-1.2	1.4	-2.6	1.9	0.1
Netherlands	-0.1	0.5	-1.0	0.9	0.7	С
Austria	-1.4	1.0	0.4	-1.4	-0.4	1.6
Poland	1.0	0.7	-1.6	0.5	2.3	-0.5
Portugal	2.5	2.2	-2.4	-1.8	2.5	-3.8
Romania	-0.7	-0.5	0.4	1.0	1.4	0.4
Slovenia	1.9	0.4	0.2	-2.1	0.2	-1.5
Slovakia	0.5	-0.5	0.7	1.5	-1.1	1.1
Finland	0.1	0.0	-1.5	2.5	-2.1	-0.8
Sweden	-1.5	2.3	-0.7	1.0	0.8	-0.9
United Kingdom	-1.4	2.0	-1.6	2.0	1.7	1.0
Norway	-1.7	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2
Switzerland	-3.1	1.8	-0.9	0.3	0.2	:

<sup>Working day and seasonally adjusted
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### Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the same month of the previous year\*

	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
EA18						
Total retail trade	0.5	1.5	0.3	1.6	1.6	2.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.1	-0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.2	1.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.1	3.6	0.2	2.6	3.2	3.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.2	5.4	-5.3	-1.1	-0.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.5	1.7	-0.4	1.5	2.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.0	3.9	4.0	5.7	4.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.8	4.0	2.2	3.6	4.1	:
Mail orders and internet	7.0	9.3	-0.1	4.5	8.6	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.9	-0.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	2.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.7	2.0	0.6	2.2	2.6	3.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.8	-0.2	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.3	4.5	0.6	3.5	4.6	4.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.7	6.4	-4.5	0.0	0.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.7	3.1	0.6	2.9	4.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	1.6	4.7	1.9	5.8	5.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.8	4.1	2.9	3.8	4.7	:
Mail orders and internet	10.1	10.3	6.7	9.2	13.9	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-2.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.1	2.0

Total retail trade	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14
EA18	0.5	1.5	0.3	1.6	1.6	2.8
EA19	0.6	1.5	0.3	1.6	1.6	2.8
EU28	0.7	2.0	0.6	2.2	2.6	3.2
Belgium	-2.4	2.4	0.4	4.1	0.5	3.3
Bulgaria	4.1	4.5	5.4	3.0	2.1	6.4
Czech Republic	1.3	2.7	1.8	4.8	1.8	С
Denmark	0.2	2.4	-0.7	2.2	3.2	0.7
Germany	1.2	1.9	-0.4	2.4	2.1	4.0
Estonia	7.6	6.7	8.2	6.9	8.1	6.3
Ireland	3.8	3.4	3.4	4.7	4.0	5.4
Greece	1.5	3.2	0.0	2.2	-1.5	С
Spain	-0.2	0.7	1.2	8.0	1.9	6.6
France	-0.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	1.5
Croatia	-3.1	-0.4	1.9	0.6	2.3	С
Italy	0.9	0.4	-0.2	0.3	1.5	С
Cyprus	2.8	1.9	1.1	1.3	С	С
Latvia	3.7	3.4	3.1	4.7	4.7	2.7
Lithuania	5.4	4.8	5.0	5.4	5.5	4.8
Luxembourg	5.1	3.7	3.9	10.5	10.7	9.2
Hungary	2.5	2.5	4.5	5.2	5.1	5.6
Malta	-1.3	-2.4	1.2	-6.9	0.8	-1.4
Netherlands	-0.1	2.7	-1.6	1.5	2.8	С
Austria	-0.9	0.6	1.3	0.0	-2.0	1.6
Poland	0.2	1.1	-1.1	0.6	1.9	2.0
Portugal	1.2	1.3	1.8	0.6	-0.6	0.9
Romania	6.4	5.0	5.1	5.4	7.1	6.2
Slovenia	2.7	0.7	4.1	-0.5	-0.4	-2.5
Slovakia	3.0	1.3	3.0	6.5	2.4	4.3
Finland	-0.6	-0.4	-3.0	0.7	-1.7	-2.6
Sweden	1.5	3.8	1.9	3.6	3.7	3.0
United Kingdom	0.7	3.9	1.5	4.4	6.7	4.9
Norway	1.0	1.9	1.0	2.4	2.8	2.6
Switzerland	-0.3	1.5	0.5	0.6	-1.2	:

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# Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working day and seasonally adjusted (base year 2010)

	12/13	01/14	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14
EA18	96.4	97.3	97.6	97.6	97.6	97.7	98.2	97.8	98.5	97.5	98.2	98.9	99.2
EA19	96.4	97.4	97.6	97.7	97.7	97.8	98.3	97.9	98.6	97.6	98.3	99.0	99.3
EU28	98.2	98.8	99.2	99.2	99.5	99.5	99.9	99.4	100.3	99.3	100.2	101.1	101.4
Belgium	100.5	102.3	101.1	102.4	102.5	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.3	101.9	103.1	102.8	103.7
Bulgaria	111.4	113.8	113.3	111.8	111.1	112.7	113.7	114.4	115.1	114.0	113.8	115.8	116.9
Czech Republic	100.7	102.0	102.0	102.0	101.8	101.4	102.2	100.8	102.3	102.0	103.1	103.3	С
Denmark	94.7	93.7	95.2	94.8	95.1	95.5	95.0	94.7	95.9	94.5	95.5	96.8	95.3
Germany	100.2	102.4	103.6	103.0	102.4	102.0	103.2	102.5	103.2	101.2	103.3	104.2	104.4
Estonia	114.3	120.2	116.2	118.6	120.9	118.4	119.4	119.9	120.4	121.0	122.1	123.7	121.6
Ireland	101.0	100.9	100.7	100.5	102.0	101.8	102.7	102.8	102.7	102.6	103.7	104.2	106.1
Greece	71.6	71.4	71.5	72.6	73.3	71.6	73.4	72.4	73.8	72.6	73.3	72.5	С
Spain	80.7	81.6	81.5	81.5	82.2	82.5	82.3	82.4	83.3	83.0	83.0	84.1	85.1
France	104.0	103.7	103.6	104.2	103.9	105.2	105.4	104.7	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.8	106.3
Croatia	94.6	94.9	95.0	96.3	95.6	94.9	95.8	94.7	96.5	96.9	95.8	96.9	С
Italy	92.4	92.7	92.8	92.7	93.1	92.9	92.9	93.1	93.1	93.0	93.2	93.4	С
Cyprus	83.0	82.4	81.6	84.9	85.2	84.5	85.1	83.9	84.1	83.4	83.9	С	С
Latvia	116.6	114.4	114.2	117.5	120.5	117.1	116.5	119.2	118.7	118.3	120.1	121.6	120.0
Lithuania	117.7	118.2	118.5	120.1	121.2	120.7	120.7	121.7	121.7	122.0	122.6	123.4	123.5
Luxembourg	170.0	172.3	175.2	174.0	177.2	179.1	180.2	176.8	177.8	179.1	183.9	185.4	185.9
Hungary	102.0	103.0	103.7	104.7	104.7	104.5	104.1	104.2	104.7	105.7	106.6	107.2	107.5
Malta	99.4	98.6	97.2	94.5	100.3	96.8	98.7	98.3	97.1	98.5	95.9	97.7	97.8
Netherlands	91.8	92.4	92.8	92.6	92.7	92.4	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.1	92.9	93.6	С
Austria	97.5	98.0	99.3	98.2	98.6	97.7	99.4	98.0	99.0	99.4	98.0	97.6	99.2
Poland	103.6	102.8	102.0	103.2	103.9	102.7	103.0	104.0	104.7	103.0	103.5	105.9	105.4
Portugal	82.9	87.9	86.9	84.8	83.8	86.2	84.8	86.9	88.8	86.7	85.1	87.2	83.9
Romania	107.1	109.6	111.6	113.1	109.7	111.9	112.0	111.2	110.6	111.0	112.1	113.7	114.1
Slovenia	96.2	96.6	95.2	95.3	97.1	94.7	94.6	96.4	96.8	97.0	95.0	95.2	93.8
Slovakia	97.4	98.8	99.2	100.0	100.4	99.4	99.9	100.4	99.9	100.7	102.2	101.1	102.1
Finland	102.4	102.3	101.4	103.1	103.8	102.1	101.7	101.8	101.8	100.3	102.8	100.6	99.8
Sweden	106.1	106.5	107.0	108.1	108.5	107.7	108.2	106.6	109.1	108.3	109.4	110.3	109.3
United Kingdom	103.4	102.6	104.1	103.3	105.4	104.8	104.9	103.5	105.6	103.9	106.0	107.7	108.8
Norway	107.7	107.5	108.3	109.7	110.2	109.1	110.5	108.6	109.4	109.4	110.0	110.3	110.5
Switzerland	107.9	105.8	107.0	108.0	107.5	106.4	109.8	106.4	108.3	107.4	107.7	107.9	:

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# Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working days adjusted (base year 2010)

	12/11	12/12	12/13	01/14	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14
EA18	120.6	117.4	117.3	93.6	85.5	95.5	95.2	96.4	96.6	101.0	97.1	95.4	100.3	99.3	120.6
EA19	120.6	117.4	117.4	93.6	85.5	95.5	95.3	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.2	95.5	100.4	99.4	120.7
EU28	121.3	118.9	119.8	93.4	87.3	96.7	97.3	98.3	98.7	102.1	99.4	97.2	102.0	102.9	123.6
Belgium	123.4	122.4	118.9	103.2	89.2	103.3	102.0	104.6	103.1	104.5	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.8
Bulgaria	113.0	115.9	122.3	95.7	94.1	105.1	109.0	109.4	113.1	125.3	126.1	123.3	120.7	113.6	130.0
Czech Republic	122.6	123.3	124.0	89.4	87.3	100.9	99.9	102.6	102.3	98.4	102.6	101.4	105.7	109.1	С
Denmark	120.7	119.3	118.8	86.4	81.8	92.7	94.8	99.4	96.2	93.7	96.7	89.5	93.7	98.5	119.6
Germany	120.5	116.8	117.1	94.8	91.4	104.8	102.4	101.8	101.4	102.6	100.8	99.1	106.3	108.7	121.8
Estonia	121.2	126.0	128.0	109.0	99.0	115.0	118.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	124.0	120.0	136.0
Ireland	134.8	136.4	141.5	94.8	94.3	91.6	97.4	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.2
Greece	96.7	88.7	83.2	68.3	70.4	67.5	72.6	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.2	С
Spain	109.4	95.2	94.2	84.2	72.7	78.5	78.5	81.3	82.1	89.7	82.4	80.7	81.9	80.6	100.4
France	125.9	127.4	129.8	101.4	89.9	99.8	99.9	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	131.7
Croatia	105.8	102.4	100.4	77.2	76.1	91.2	91.8	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	С
Italy	121.6	118.7	116.2	90.3	79.3	89.5	90.0	92.7	89.0	98.1	89.3	91.8	96.9	92.6	С
Cyprus	116.0	104.7	104.8	74.8	67.4	76.2	79.9	83.8	87.4	92.9	89.2	84.8	84.4	С	С
Latvia	118.9	128.5	134.6	103.7	97.6	111.3	114.7	115.7	118.0	127.2	129.3	121.9	123.9	117.7	138.2
Lithuania	126.9	129.6	134.9	106.8	99.4	114.7	116.5	123.8	121.7	130.3	131.8	122.0	125.4	120.6	141.4
Luxembourg	224.3	251.5	275.5	177.3	153.5	165.9	165.4	164.3	161.5	160.8	152.9	156.7	184.0	223.2	300.9
Hungary	126.0	122.9	127.2	84.1	82.7	99.5	102.9	102.6	102.8	109.6	111.2	108.7	113.3	110.3	134.3
Malta	108.2	103.8	109.9	92.0	85.1	88.1	99.6	97.5	99.3	103.9	99.6	98.8	101.1	97.1	108.4
Netherlands	112.9	109.4	107.7	87.2	80.5	90.5	91.2	94.5	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	С
Austria	119.3	118.8	118.5	92.2	88.1	98.9	98.2	96.1	96.4	99.2	96.9	96.4	100.8	98.6	120.4
Poland	118.7	115.8	122.0	92.2	88.2	104.1	103.2	102.7	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	108.3	102.5	124.5
Portugal	117.2	108.4	107.8	79.9	73.9	80.2	78.9	83.8	82.3	92.7	95.5	85.6	84.7	85.4	108.8
Romania	118.1	114.6	120.9	90.5	91.1	109.9	107.3	111.2	112.1	116.3	120.6	116.2	117.2	118.3	128.4
Slovenia	112.6	107.9	107.4	88.8	82.2	94.7	96.8	92.7	96.0	99.2	99.2	99.8	100.4	92.6	104.7
Slovakia	115.7	111.0	111.8	91.0	91.4	98.6	98.2	98.7	100.7	101.7	100.2	100.3	104.5	101.6	116.6
Finland	128.3	129.8	127.3	93.5	84.7	97.6	101.1	106.6	108.8	108.5	105.2	97.3	102.7	98.5	124.0
Sweden	123.1	125.8	127.7	95.1	89.9	104.1	105.9	111.0	115.0	111.8	112.4	104.6	109.4	108.7	131.5
United Kingdom	125.4	125.6	129.3	94.3	95.8	97.8	102.7	101.9	103.3	103.1	101.9	99.9	105.6	117.7	135.6
Norway	131.2	134.6	135.8	99.8	91.3	101.7	100.4	113.2	117.2	110.0	112.9	105.9	108.6	111.9	139.3
Switzerland	129.3	135.1	138.3	102.0	91.3	111.0	103.6	104.3	110.6	107.6	103.6	100.8	108.4	108.0	:

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